



*Brady Middle School*  
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Dear Parents,

The Orange School District is committed to providing a safe environment. Over the years, our District has taken steps to increase the safety of our schools by securing doors, utilizing controlled entrances for visitors, installing security cameras, and practicing emergency response options with students, staff, and community members.

In addition to fire and tornado drills, part of our comprehensive approach to school safety includes training students and staff on response options to consider should an intruder enter the building. In addition to lockdown procedures, we train our students and staff about additional response options, known as ALICE. This stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.

School Resource Officer Todd Bennett (Pepper Pike Police Department) and Lieutenant Todd Dietzel (Moreland Hills Police Department) met with all students and staff today in grade level meetings to ensure all are aware of the ALICE protocol and how it can be applied.

This email also provides the opportunity to remind parents of the importance of sharing information with school or law enforcement officials so that incidences can be properly investigated. We rely on the partnerships we have built with our students, parents, staff, community and police departments to help ensure the safety of our schools. I would ask all parents to reinforce this message with their students as well.

Additionally, I am asking parents to reinforce with their child(ren) the importance of not contributing to rumors, conversations or online posts regarding this topic. If your child has a legitimate concern, he/she should report it to the office so that we can involve the proper authorities.

Students, parents and community members should use the Safe School Helpline to report threats of violence, suicide, bullying and illegal activity that could harm children in our schools. This service will also provide our students the opportunity to speak with a live crisis counselor if they have immediate needs. The helpline is administered by an independent, outside company. All communications are PRIVATE, CONFIDENTIAL and ANONYMOUS.

The Safe School Helpline can be accessed via three methods - By telephone at 1-800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359 ([1-800-418-6423](tel:1-800-418-6423) ext. 359); online at [www.safeschoolhelpline.com](http://www.safeschoolhelpline.com); or by texting 66746 and typing "TIPS" as the message.

Your message will be communicated with school officials. All information will remain anonymous to encourage the reporting of all safety concerns. Your report will be assigned a case number, which you may use later to confirm that your report was received and investigated.

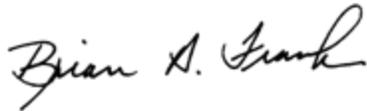
For more information regarding our district's approach to safety, please click on the following links:

- [Safety & Security](#)
- [Safe School Helpline](#)
- [Safety Community Meeting - May 2018](#)

Although safety drills address how we would respond in an emergency, there are many programs we have in place, such as Pride, Challenge Day, Dancing Classrooms, as well as our extra curricular activities, that provide an opportunity for students to make connections with others and highlight the importance of being kind to one another. Prevention is key, and we are always open to suggestions from students, staff, parents and community members as it relates to improving school climate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, Officer Todd Bennett ([tbennett@orangecsd.org](mailto:tbennett@orangecsd.org)) or any member of the Brady Middle School staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian A. Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "F".

Brian A. Frank  
Principal